

for spirits of 190 degrees or more of proof).

(d) *Processing.* Each proprietor shall record inventories as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, and for:

(1) Bulk spirits and wines in process, any gains or losses shall be recorded on the individual dump, batch, or bottling record;

(2) Finished products in bottles and packages, any overages, losses, and shortages for the total quantity inventoried shall be recorded in records required by § 19.751; and

(3) Denatured spirits, any gains or losses shall be recorded in the record prescribed by § 19.752.

(e) *Retention.* Inventory records shall be retained by the proprietor and made available for inspection by ATF officers.

(Sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 284 (26 U.S.C. 5207))

§ 19.775 Record of securing devices.

Each proprietor shall maintain a record of securing devices by serial number showing the number received, affixed to conveyances (in serial order), and otherwise disposed of.

(Sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 284 (26 U.S.C. 5207))

§ 19.776 Record of scale tests.

Proprietors shall maintain records of results of tests conducted in accordance with § 19.273 and § 19.276.

(Sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 284 (26 U.S.C. 5207))

§ 19.777 [Reserved]

§ 19.778 Removal on or after January 1, 1987 of Puerto Rican and Virgin Islands spirits, and rum imported from all other areas.

(a) *General.* The proprietor shall maintain separate accounts, in proof gallons, of Puerto Rican spirits having an alcoholic content of at least 92 percent rum, of Virgin Islands spirits having an alcoholic content of at least 92 percent rum, and of rum imported from all other areas removed from the processing account on determination of tax. Quantities of spirits in these categories that are contained in products mixed in processing with other alco-

holic ingredients may be determined by using the methods provided in paragraphs (b), (c), or (d) of this section. The proprietor shall report these quantities monthly on Form 5110.28, Monthly Report of Processing Operations, as provided in § 19.792.

(b) *Standard method.* For purposes of the separate accounts, quantities of spirits in the above categories may be determined based on the least amount of such spirits which may be used in each product as stated in the approved formula, ATF F 5110.38.

(c) *Averaging method.* For purposes of the separate accounts, quantities of spirits in the above categories may be determined by computing the average quantity of such spirits contained in all batches of the same product formulation manufactured during the preceding 6-month period. The average shall be adjusted at the end of each month so as to include only the preceding 6-month period.

(d) *Alternative method.* Distilled spirits plant proprietors who wish to use an alternative method for determining the amount of spirits in these categories contained as ingredients of other distilled spirits products shall file an application with the Director. The written application shall specifically describe the proposed alternative method, and shall set forth the reasons for using the alternative method.

(e) *Transitional rule.* On January 1, 1987 the proprietor shall take physical inventories of all Puerto Rican spirits, Virgin Islands spirits, and rum imported from all other areas which were received into the processing account prior to that date. These inventories may be taken as provided in § 19.402(a)(2). The results of the inventories shall be submitted in a letter to the regional director (compliance) within 30 days of the required date of the inventories.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1394, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5555))

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§ 19.779 Record of shipment of spirits and specially denatured spirits withdrawn free of tax.

(a) *General.* The proprietor shall prepare a record of shipment, and forward